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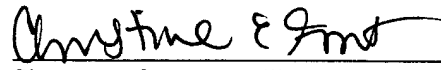
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In reply to the Office action that was mailed in connection with the above-captioned patent application on May 23, 2006, Applicants submit the following Amendments and Remarks: